HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
THE THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2026

COMMITTEE ON CULTURE & ARTS
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NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 6, 2026
TIME: 9:30 am
PLACE: VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE
         Conference Room 309
         State Capitol
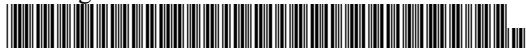   415 South Beretania Street

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A G E N D A

HB 2437 Status	RELATING TO ARTS EDUCATION. Appropriates funds to the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts for the Artists in the Schools program.	CAA, FIN
HB 2461 Status	RELATING TO THE STATE FOUNDATION ON CULTURE AND THE ARTS. Increases the ceiling of the works of art special fund. Appropriates funds for the maintenance, upkeep, and preservation of the State's public art and collections. Appropriates funds for a collections manager position within the state foundation on culture and the arts.	CAA, FIN
HB 2604 Status	RELATING TO PERFORMING ARTS. Establishes a performing arts ticket surcharge on the sale of certain performing arts tickets for an event held in the State.	CAA, FIN
HB 2605 Status	RELATING TO THE ARTS. Establishes a position within the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts to support implementation and coordination of specialized arts programs and therapeutic arts interventions for underserved and neurodiverse populations. Appropriates funds for the position.	CAA, FIN

HB 1860 Status	RELATING TO THE HAWAII SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA. Designates the Hawaii Symphony Orchestra as the State of Hawaii Symphony Orchestra. Requires annual reports to the Legislature. Appropriates moneys.	CAA, FIN
HB 2001 Status	RELATING TO LOVE MY LIBRARY DAY. Designates the first Friday in February of each year as "love My Library Day" in the State.	CAA, JHA

<u>DECISION MAKING TO FOLLOW</u>

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Rep. Jeanne Kapela
Chair